

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Institutes of Health****National Institute of General Medical Sciences; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Application for the Pharmacology Research Associate Program**

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), the National

Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Proposed Collection

Title: Application for the Pharmacology Research Associate Program. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* The Pharmacology Research Associate (PRAT) Program will use the applicant and referee information to award opportunities for training and

experience in laboratory or clinical investigation to individuals with a Ph.D. degree in pharmacology or a related science, M.D., or other professional degree through appointments as PRAT Fellows at the National Institutes of Health or the Food and Drug Administration. The goal of the program is to develop leaders in pharmacological research for key positions in academic, industrial, and Federal research laboratories. *Frequency of Response:* Once a year. *Affected Public:* Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit.

The annual reporting burden is as follows:

Type and number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Estimated total responses	Average burden hours per responses	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
Applicants—50	1	50	2.00	100
Referees—150	1	150	0.167	25

Total Number of Respondents: 200.
Total Number of Responses: 200.
Total Hours: 125.

The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at:

Applicants: \$5,500.00.
Referees: \$1,250.00.

There are no Capital Costs to report.
There are no Operating or Maintenance Cost to report.

Request for Comments

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Ms. Sally Lee, NIGMS, NIH, Natcher Building, Room 3AS-13, 45 Center Drive, MSC 6200,

Bethesda, MD 20892-6200, or call non-toll-free number (301) 594-2749 or E-mail your request, including your address to: LeeS@nigms.nih.gov.

COMMENTS DUE DATE: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before May 4, 1998.

Dated: February 23, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Institutes of Health****Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Programs**

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Proposed Collection

Title: National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Programs. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of currently approved collection (OMB No. 0925-0361, expiration date 6/30/98). *Form Numbers:* NIH 2674-1, NIH 2674-2, and NIH 2674-3. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* The NIH makes available financial assistance, in the form of educational loan repayment, to M.D., Ph.D., D.D.S., D.M.D., and D.V.M. degree holders, or the equivalent, who perform biomedical or biobehavioral research in NIH intramural laboratories for a minimum of 2 years in research areas supporting the mission and priorities of the NIH. The AIDS Research Loan Repayment Program (AIDS-LRP) is authorized by Section 487A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 288-1); the General Research Loan Repayment Program (General-LRP) is authorized by section 487C of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 288-3); and the Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program (CR-LRP) is authorized by section 487E (42 U.S.C. 288-5). The loan repayment programs can repay a maximum of \$20,000 per year toward a participant's extant eligible educational loans, directly to lenders, in addition to NIH salary and benefits. Participants must have qualifying educational debt in excess of 20 percent of their annual NIH base salaries on the expected data of program eligibility. The information proposed for collection will be used by the Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship to